

(iii) issue of passports without any further wait for police clearance in cases where police reports are not received during the prescribed time-limit of four weeks;

(iv) a thorough scrutiny of applications at the acceptance stage itself to check their completeness/correctness in all respect;

(v) augmentation of staff strength to reduce and clear pendencies;

(vi) provision to issue passports in cases of emer-

gency/urgency on out of turn basis on the strength of Verification Certificate issued by an authorised official;

(vii) expansion of the list of officials authorised to sign Verification Certificate;

(viii) introduction of passports valid for 20 year; and

(ix) automatic reissue of passports on expiry without fresh police verification.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

Statement showing Passport Offices alongwith their Location

State	Location
1. Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad Vishakhapatnam
2. Assam	Guwahati
3. Bihar	Patna
4. Goa	Panaji
5. Gujarat	Ahmedabad
6. Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
7. Karnataka	Bangalore
8. Kerala	Cochin Kozhikode Trivandrum
9. Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
10. Maharashtra	Mumbai Nagpur Thane
11. Orissa	Bhubaneswar
12. Punjab	Jalandhar
13. Rajasthan	Jaipur
14. Tamil Nadu	Madras Trichy
15. Union Territory of Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh	Chandigarh
16. Union Territory of Delhi, District of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Rohtak and Sonapat in Haryana	New Delhi
17. Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly Ghaziabad Lucknow
18. West Bengal	Calcutta

Gas for Power Generation

State;

6208. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has sent a proposal for allocation of gas for power generation in the

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the other States which have sent such requests; and

(d) the decision of the Government have taken on such requests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Requests have been received from the Government of Orissa for the extension of the Southern Gas Grid to Orissa.

(c) Requests for allocation of gas to power projects have been received from a number of States including Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh etc.

(d) Around 35 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to power projects in different States.

Shortage of Power in A.P.

6209 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) steps taken by the National Thermal Power Corporation and the Centre to improve the electricity supply position in Andhra Pradesh during the last 10 months;

(b) whether the Union Government have stated that 1000 MW of Coal-based Simhadri project and 650 MW Naphtha combined cycle plant, both proposed by the NTPC would be realised during the current Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the extent to which these projects will help in improving the power shortage in the Andhra Pradesh State; and

(d) the power projects at present under construction and the time by which they are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) During the last ten months (June 1996 to March, 1997), power supply

position in the state of Andhra Pradesh was as under :-

(In million Units) (MUs)

Requirement	Availability	Shortage
33735	26360	7283

The steps taken to improve the availability of power in the State of A.P. by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Central Government include :

1. an allocation of 150 MW power out of 15% unallocated central share from three stations of NTPC in the Eastern Region as under:-

(i) 50% of unallocated share from Talcher STES subject to a maximum of 75 MW;

(ii) 30% of unallocated share from Kahalgaon STPS, subject to a maximum of 45 MW;

(iii) 20% of unallocated share from Farakka STPS subject to a maximum of 30 MW.

2. an increase in allocation out of 15% unallocated power of all the central generating stations in the Southern Region, viz., Ramagundam STPS, NLC projects and MAPS from 30 to 35% with effect from 25.3.1997, in addition to the existing share of 580 MW of power in the generation of Ramagundam STPS with a capacity of 2100 MW of NTPC.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. NTPC has planned to commission these units during the 9th Plan period subject to timely tie up of inputs including funds.

(d) The details of other projects under construction in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under :-

State/Sector/ Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Commissioning schedule
Kothagundam TPS Stage V Distt. Khammam (2 × 250)	500	Unit-9 3/97 Synchronised Unit-10 3/98
1. Godavari GTPS (M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Ltd.) GT Unit 1 47 MW GT Unit 2 47 MW GT Unit 3 47 MW GT Unit 67 MW	208	Unit-1 1/97 Synchronised. Unit-2 2/97 Synchronised. Unit-3 5/97 St. Turbine - 11/97
2. Jegurupadu CCGT by (GVK Industries, Hyderabad) GT 1 52.8 MW GT 2 52.8 MW GT 3 52.8 MW ST 77 MW	235.4	Unit-1 7/96 Synchronised. Unit-2 10/96 Synchronised Unit-3 12/96 Synchronised St. Turbine-6/97